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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 July 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 4 and 6-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2, 3 and 5 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/CDC)
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Terminal Disclaimer

1. The terminal disclaimer filed on July 22, 2008 disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the expiration date of Application Number 10/539,099 filed on December 29, 2005 has been reviewed and is accepted. The terminal disclaimer has been recorded.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. The indicated allowability of claims 1, 4 and 6-10 is withdrawn in view of the newly discovered reference(s). Rejections based on the newly cited reference(s) follow.
3. Claims 2, 3 and 5 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.
4. Claim 2 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including the limitations of base claim 1 as it is distinguished from the prior art in that the fixation means comprise rods with a hook at the end. No prior art or obvious combination thereof teaches rods with hooks for being used as a fixation means for a printing module including the limitations provided in claim 1. Claims 3 and 5 are contain allowable subject matter as they are dependent on claim 2, which contains allowable subject matter.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person

having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 1, 4 and 6-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Waschynsky et al. (US Patent 4,878,427) in view of Niemiro, et al. (US Patent 6,318,257). Waschynsky et al. teaches a single frame comprising an impression roller **60**, an anilox roller **56** and a doctor roller **54** and a plate cylinder assembly (see Figure 5) comprising a plate cylinder **58**, the plate cylinder **58** carrying a print image (column 5, lines 45-50, pattern of dots), the plate cylinder **58** abutting the impression roller **60** (see Figure 3). The doctor roller **54** takes ink up from an ink reservoir (column 2, lines 5-22). The anilox roller **56** is arranged between the doctor roller **54** and the plate cylinder **58** (see Figure 3). A desired amount of ink is taken from the doctor roller **54** by the anilox roller **56** and transferred to the plate cylinder **58** (column 5, lines 40-55, pattern of ink is transferred from these three rollers). The plate cylinder **58** is bearing mounted on a stationary shaft **78** (see Figure 4). The applicant concedes in his disclosure of prior art in discussing Waschynsky et al. that two receiving units are disposed on opposite sides of the plate cylinder, which are connected to the frame (see page 1, lines 22-25), additionally, fixation means for fixing the plate cylinder to the receiving units are provided as taught on page 2, lines 1-5 of the specification. Thus, Waschynsky et al. teaches all of the limitations of claim 1 except that the fixation means are substantially under the plate assembly. However, Niemiro et al. teaches fixation means **84, 86** for a plate cylinder **29** that are disposed substantially under the plate cylinder assembly **28**. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Waschynsky et al. by placing the fixation means under the plate cylinder assembly for the purpose of securing the plate cylinder assembly.

For claim 4 as dependent on claim 1: Wachynsky et al. teaches a bearing surface on which the plate cylinder rests in a releasable position (column 10, lines 38-40 and lines 47-50).

Wachynsky et al. teaches that the plate cylinder may be lifted out of the receiving unit and can be simply taken out of the print module for replacement (column 9, lines 58-65).

For claim 6: Wachynsky et al. teaches that the receiving units are provided each with a curved supporting surface (column 10, lines 47-50) and further that the plate cylinder and impression roller and anilox roller can be relatively positioned, thus allowing for the distance between each of the rollers to be equal (column 10, lines 30-35).

For claim 7: Wachynsky et al. teaches an idling roller **62** serving as a receiving unit which serves as an additional processing means (column 5, lines 50-55). In the modified invention of Wachynsky et al. in view of Niemiro et al., the receiving units will be below the plate cylinder **58**, whereas the receiving means will be level with the plate cylinder **58** and thus be substantially above the receiving units.

For claim 8: Wachynsky et al. teaches that the idling rollers, which are plural, serve as guides (column 5, lines 50-55).

For claim 9: Wachynsky et al. teaches that the idling rollers **62** transfer the web **30** to a further print station (column 5, lines 50-55). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to include winders or digital print heads and the like at a subsequent print station.

For claim 10: Wachynsky et al. teaches a printing machine **36** comprising a module with single frame comprising an impression roller **60**, an anilox roller **56** and a doctor roller **54** and a plate cylinder assembly (see Figure 5) comprising a plate cylinder **58**, the plate cylinder **58** carrying a

print image (column 5, lines 45-50, pattern of dots), the plate cylinder **58** abutting the impression roller **60** (see Figure 3). The doctor roller **54** takes ink up from an ink reservoir (column 2, lines 5-22). The anilox roller **56** is arranged between the doctor roller **54** and the plate cylinder **58** (see Figure 3). A desired amount of ink is taken from the doctor roller **54** by the anilox roller **56** and transferred to the plate cylinder **58** (column 5, lines 40-55, pattern of ink is transferred from these three rollers). The plate cylinder **58** is bearing mounted on a stationary shaft **78** (see Figure 4). The applicant concedes in his disclosure of prior art in discussing Waschynsky et al. that two receiving units are disposed on opposite sides of the plate cylinder, which are connected to the frame (see page 1, lines 22-25), additionally, fixation means for fixing the plate cylinder to the receiving units are provided as taught on page 2, lines 1-5 of the specification. Thus, Waschynsky et al. teaches all of the limitations of claim 1 except that the fixation means are substantially under the plate assembly. However, Niemiro et al. teaches fixation means **84, 86** for a plate cylinder **29** that are disposed substantially under the plate cylinder assembly **28**. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Waschynsky et al. by placing the fixation means under the plate cylinder assembly for the purpose of securing the plate cylinder assembly.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DAVID BANH whose telephone number is (571)270-3851. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th 9:30AM-8PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Judy Nguyen can be reached on (571)272-2258. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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